

This Appeal is from a Final Office Action mailed on October 4, 2007 (referred to as the “Final Action”). This Appeal was commenced by a Notice of Appeal filed on January 2, 2008, and Appellants hereby submit this Appeal Brief in furtherance of the Appeal.

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest for the above-identified application is International Business Machines Corporation, the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the subject application by virtue of an assignment recorded with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 1, 2001 at Reel/Frame 011892/0801.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no Appeals or Interferences known to Applicant, Applicant’s representatives or the Assignee, which would directly affect or be indirectly affected by or have a bearing on the Board’s decision in the pending Appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-7, 10-18, 22-31 and 34 are pending, stand rejected and are under appeal. Claims 8-9, 19-21, 32-33 and 35 are withdrawn. The claims are set forth in the attached Appendix.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

No After Final Amendments have been filed in this case.